



**WOW – THERE IS SO MUCH GOING ON...**

**DON'T MISS OUR MANY “LIVING GREEN” EVENTS FOR APRIL:**

**April 5 & 6 - [THE GREAT ARIZONA BICYCLE FESTIVAL](#)** to celebrate all things bike! Find Kid's bicycle rodeo, bike swap meet, BMX freestyle show and more in downtown Mesa.

**April 12, 1-3 p.m. [ENERGYWISE WITH SRP](#)**

Tanya Hughes with SRP will present tips and techniques to save energy and money at home in the Arizona climate.

-It's FREE & EASY – no registration is necessary

-Red Mountain Branch Library, 635 N. Power Road

**\*\*BONUS\*\*** Attendees can register to win an energy-efficiency gift pack valued at up to \$100

**April 18, 6 p.m. [COMMUNITY CINEMA - THE ISLAND PRESIDENT](#)**

Maldives President Mohamed Nasheed is confronting a problem greater than any world leader has ever faced - the literal survival of his country and everyone in it. His is the most low-lying country in the world, and a minor rise in sea level would literally erase it from the map. Despite the modest size of his country, Nasheed has become one of the leading international voices for urgent action on climate change.

-It's FREE & EASY – no registration is necessary

-Mesa Contemporary Arts Building, Dobson Theater, 1 East Main Street

**April 20, 7:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEER CONSTRUCTION DAY**

A new garden is being installed in Mesa! The Washington-Escobedo Community Garden is hosting a construction work day on Sat. or join us on April 30 for the ribbon cutting ceremony. This garden install is thanks to DMB Associates working with Rebuilding Together Phoenix.

-503 N. Lewis (near Center St. and University)

**April 20, 8 a.m. – Noon. [HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT](#)**

Have some old pesticides you'd like to get out of your garage? Don't miss this great opportunity to clear out paints, oil, pesticides, batteries, CFLs, prescription drugs, tires, electronics and appliances and more. Collection events are scheduled 4 times each year.

-FREE

-Center Street Facility, 2412 N. Center St.

**April 20, 10-11 a.m. [LANDFILL & RECYCLING SORTING FACILITY WORKSHOP](#)**

Have you ever wondered what happens to the material you recycle in your blue barrel once it has been serviced by a City of Mesa recycle truck? Attend this free workshop and tour to find out!

-Advance [registration](#) is required

-Salt River Landfill, Gilbert Road & Beeline Highway

**April 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. [FAMILY DAY AT ARIZONA MUSEUM FOR YOUTH](#) (AMY)**

In conjunction with **WEATHER OR NOT: ART WITH ATMOSPHERE** art exhibit that takes a colorful look at weather, including rain, storms, clouds, wind, snow, lightening and more. Create breathtaking tornados, deliver weather reports, and experience the thunderously amazing Glow-in-the-Dark Weather Room.

-Complimentary with paid museum admission. Members are FREE

-35 N. Robson

**April 20, 3-6 p.m. [CELEBRATE MESA](#)**

This free family festival includes games, carnival rides, food vendors, entertainment and lots of Earth Day themed information booths with giveaways and prizes. Stop by the Sunflower Activity booth to plant your own sunflowers to take home, see the 25' inflatable earth, take an Earth Day pledge.

-FREE

-Pioneer Park, 526 E. Main Street

**April 20, 7-9 p.m. [MOVIE NIGHT AT THE GARDEN](#)**

Join Mesa Urban Garden (MUG) for Movie Night and watch "A Community of Gardeners". Bring your own picnic and beverage or order delivered pizza from Queens.

-FREE

-Mesa Urban Garden, 212 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

**April 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. [GOING NATIVE: SAVORING THE SOUTHWEST](#)**

Learn about the challenges of being green in a water-starved land with Keynote speaker and workshop presenter and author, Gary Paul Nabhan. Learn about water harvesting, savor local foods, see cooking demonstrations, make your own Seed Bombs, and much more! Mesa is a member of [Water – Use It Wisely](#) who is sponsoring a speaker at the event.

-Conference Fee: \$45 (\$25 for students) Includes lunch. Call 602-468-3818

-Community Christian Church, 1701 S College Ave, Tempe 85281

**April 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. [EARTH DAY AT THE PHOENIX ZOO!](#)**

It's a Party for the Planet! Celebrate Earth Day, conservation and nature at the Phoenix Zoo. [Water – Use It Wisely](#) (including Mesa conservation staff) will be joining in on the fun once again with our fun-in-the-sun duck float trivia contest. Children young and old can test their water know-how, then take home one of our "oh-so-cute" ducks to float in the pool or bathtub to help remind them to use water wisely every day of the year – not just on Earth Day. Visit us at the Harmony Farm section of the Zoo. Don't worry; we have a lot of cool stuff for the "big" kids, too. See you there!

-Zoo admission, rest is free

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## **BONUS TIPS**

-Celebrate Nature with us in April! Earth Day is April 22nd and Arbor Day is April 26th. Learn about events, tree plantings, ideas and more on our [EARTH DAY & ARBOR DAY SITE](#).

**-April 27, [ARBOR DAY](#)**

It's a holiday just for trees! Plant a tree, do something nice for your existing trees, attend a tree planting, learn more about proper tree care to keep your trees healthy and beautiful. Our [Arbor Day site](#) has everything you need to learn more. [Call us for a free packet of Palo Verde seeds](#) (our State Tree) 480-644-3306 or email in at [conservation.info@mesaaz.gov](mailto:conservation.info@mesaaz.gov).

-April is [WATER AWARENESS MONTH!](#) Mesa has joined with cities, water providers and conservation experts throughout Arizona to encourage their communities in learning about water and water conservation. The [WAM website](#) is overflowing with ideas and activities to help educate Arizonans about water conservation and make them more aware of our state's most precious resource, water. Mesa is offering free giveaways to those who visit our [Mesa water conservation site!](#)

**-April 12 at 6 p.m.** Learn about [RAINWATER HARVESTING](#) with award winning expert and author, Brad Lancaster. Mesa and other Valley cities are sponsoring this event as one of the many Water Awareness Month activities. Lancaster has written two books and is a dynamic teacher, consultant and designer. The program will be held at Phoenix City Hall, 200 W. Washington Street and is free, but registration is required by contacting [mary.lu.nunley@phoenix.gov](mailto:mary.lu.nunley@phoenix.gov) or calling (602) 534-3950.

**-ARE YOU WONDERING HOW TO PREPARE YOUR LANDSCAPE FOR SUMMER'S SIZZLE?** Check out our [Monthly Landscape Watering Reminder!](#)

**-ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A LANDSCAPER?** A great new website directory of **Smartscape** trained professionals is now available. Smartscape graduates have 20 hours of specialized professional landscape training that emphasizes sustainability and stewardship of natural resources in the maintenance of beautiful urban environments. This program is sponsored by the City of Mesa Water Conservation and other Valley cities. Contact a [Smartscape graduate](#) today!

-The City of Mesa Library provides a great list of [LIVING GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE BOOKS](#) including topics on solar, energy efficiency, gardening and more.

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## **OTHER GREEN OPPORTUNITIES!**

-For **WILDFLOWER SIGHTINGS** and best places to visit or hike, visit the Desert Botanical Garden [wildflower info site](#). I hear Joshua Trees National Park is showing the best profusion of blooms on the Joshua trees.

-The City of Scottsdale offers a free **GREEN BUILDING LECTURE SERIES** that demonstrates energy/resource efficient, healthy, and environmentally responsible building practices. See their [spring program schedule](#).

**-Green Revolution: A Green-themed Exhibition from the Smithsonian** –Until May 25 Tempe is one of the lucky few to play host to *Green Revolution*, a green-themed exhibition from the Smithsonian. The Tempe exhibition is a collaborative project that combines the arts and sciences while teaching community members about “going green” in Arizona. Tempe Center for the Arts, 700 W. Rio Salado Parkway, Tempe, AZ. [More information](#).